Government has enhanced the allocation under APL category from March 2009 @ 29,123 tons per month, thereby ensuring allocation of at least 10 kg. per APL family per month. The allocations for the year 2009-10 have been maintained at the level of 10 kg. per APL family per month. The details of the existing monthly allocations for the State of Madhya Pradesh for 2009-10 are as under:

(in tons)

Commodity	AAY	BPL	APL	Total
Rice	8672	9929	0	18601
Wheat	46683	79089	55780	181552
TOTAL	55355	89018	55780	200153

Demand and production of edible oil

1549. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has not achieved self-sufficiency in production of edible oils;

(b) if so, details thereof with reference to demand and production; and

(c) the steps being taken to achieve self sufficiency in edible oils?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. India has not achieved self sufficiency in the production of edible oils as the availability of edible oils in the country from domestic sources is less than the demand. The deficit is being met by the imports. During the year 2008-09 (November to October), production of oilseeds, net domestic availability of edible oils and demand of edible oils is estimated at 281.27 lakh tons, 85.52 lakh tons and 151.18 lakh tons respectively.

(c) The Government has taken various steps to achieve self sufficiency in edible oils and increase the production of edible oils in the country. A centrally sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) is being implemented in 14 major oilseeds growing States for increasing production. The States like Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat etc. are implementing the Oilpalm Development Programme under ISOPOM.

Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipments, weedicides, gypsum/pyrite/lime/dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, training, publicity etc. to encourage farmers to grow these crops. Block demonstrations and Integrated Pest Management demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture and ICAR. Budget Expenditure of Rs.320 crores has been kept for 2009-10 for ISOPOM Scheme.